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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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**Part B for** September 1942

SUBJECT.

Treatment given to political prisoners detained in Custody under the Defence of India Act

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From

The Secy to the Hon'ble the Resident

Letter No. Pol. 34-42 dated 14th Aug/1942

requesting to be informed of the treatment given to political prisoners detained by the Govt. of Mysore

Submitted: The Dy Secy may be requested to furnish the information. Draft letter is submitted for approval together with a draft acknowledgment.

2) Issued today
15/8

15/8/42

To day please
15/8

To

The D. G. of Prisons

Issued No P 1099 Dy 15.8.42

Calls for information regarding the treatment given to persons detained in custody on political grounds.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident

Issued No Pol 388 Dy 15-8-42

Acknowledges the receipt of his letter Dy 4.8.42

From

The D. G. of Prisons

Letter No 662-2 Dated 18-8-1942

NOTE—Cont. Sheet.

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OFFICE OF MINISTER FOR AUG 21 No 1776

Furnishes information in the matter of treatment given to political prisoners detained under the Defence of India Act

3) Draft reply to Resident is submitted for consideration

4) Please put up draft as revised

5) Draft reply as revised is submitted for approval.

6)

Law Secy)

7) For perusal

Cus 21.8.42

Minute for Law Secy

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9) After words, orders if the meals are served at other intervals or any thing can be arranged

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Record

To the Secy to the Govt of India Letter No PR 457 dated 26.8.1942 furnishing information on the treatment given to Political prisoners

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10) Kind reference is invited to para 9 of the note supra. Draft letter to the Dir of Prisons is submitted for appvl.

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Issued letter No. P. 1324 dated 27. 8. 1942 to the Dir of Prisons enquiring if meals are served to the passes and detenues at intervals.

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Confidential 1032 P 42

No. Pol.34-42

The reply to this communication should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

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From

THE SECRETARY
TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

pp 5.30pm

CHIEF SECRETARY. 14. AUG. 1942 GOVT OF MYSORE.

*Dated Bangalore, the* 14th August *1942.*

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Sir,

I am directed to say that a representation has been received from the persons detained in the Central Jail, Bangalore, at the instance of this Residency, for a - different form of diet - copy enclosed. The Hon'ble the Resident prima facie is not inclined to accede to their request but would be glad to be informed of the treatment given to political prisoners detained by the Government of Mysore, since it is obviously desirable that there should be uniformity in the treatment of prisoners from Mysore State and the Civil and Military Station.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

"Copy"

To

The Hon'ble the British Resident in Mysore.

Through

the Superintendent, Central Jail, Bangalore.

Sir,

We the following twenty-two (22), kept under detention from 9th inst., having been arrested at C & M.Station under Section 26 of the Defence of India Act, forward the following memorandum for immediate consideration and disposal:-

The diet given to us is far from satisfactory as we are all not accustomed to the kind now given to us. We hope this may be changed to the following:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Morning | - | Breakfast and coffee. |
| Midday | - | Rice, vegetables, ghee, dhal curry russam and butter-milk. |
| After-noon | - | Tea |
| Night | - | Rice, vegetables, russam and butter-milk. |

Thanking you in anticipation of a very early compliance.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- M.M.Devaraj,
K.Arumugam,
M.Jayaselan, etc, etc.

Bangalore Central
Jail, 11-8-42. (21 names)

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Diary No. of letter replied to .....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 15-8-42

Signed by Dr. M.K.V.

1 Diet
2. clothing bedding
3. other facilities

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File No. 11-'42

Serial No. 2

No. P 2 Cash 2979

To ~~Lot 3888~~

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Subject — Treatment given to political prisoners | detained in custody under ~~by Govt~~ the Defence of India Act

Sir,

I am directed to request you to send to Government as to food & to send information (on receipt of monthly returns) as to the treatment given to persons detained ~~by Govt~~ in custody on political grounds.

As information is required by the Secretary, an immediate reply is requested.

I have etc.

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For Secy to Govt Law Dept

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*Diary No. of letter replied to* .....

To Fol 388

The Secy to the Stable Board

Subject:— Treasonal Speech by Pilsudski

Sir,

Date of issue 15th August 1942

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No PO/34-42 dated 14th Aug/1942 on the above subject and to state that a reply thereto will be sent to you as early as possible

Signed by M. M. K. V.

I have etc,

List of enclosures .....

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for Chief Secy to Govt

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Telegram / phone

OFFICE OF
The Inspector-General of
Prisons in Mysore,
Bangalore,

Confidential.

No. 662-2
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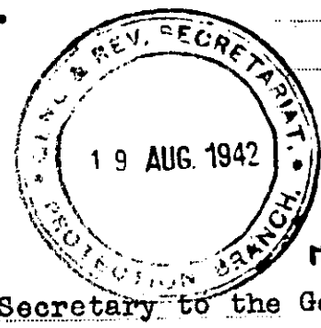


Date 18th August 1942.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Law Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. P. 1099 dated the 15th August 1942 regarding the treatment given to persons detained in custody on political grounds, I have the honour to state as follows:-

1. Diet. The Detenues are given diet articles as per scale shown in the enclosed statement. They are allowed to cook their own food, if they choose to do so or they are given a convict cook to assist them in cooking or to cook food for them.

2. Clothing & bedding:- Those who bring their own clothing and bedding are allowed to use them, provided they are sufficient, fit for use and not objectionable. Those that do not provide themselves with their own clothing and bedding, are given long pyjamas Jubbas, jute mats and cumblies at the cost of Government.

3. Other facilities. They are detained in separate wards and are not required to labour. They are allowed to read such books as are passed by the Superintendent.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Inspector-General of Prisons.

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SUBJECT Treatment of political detenues.

Section Pol

File No. 11-42

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*Diary No. of letter replied to*.....

No. Cd 457 Encl

To

General and Revenue Secretariat

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*the* *19*

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

Date of issue 26 8 1942

Sir,

Signed by Mr. M.K.V.

With reference to your Confidential letter No.Pol.34-42, dated 14th August 1942, on the above subject, I am directed to state that the treatment given to persons detained in custody on political grounds is as follows:-

1. Diet. The Detenues are given diet articles as per scale shown in the enclosed statement. They are allowed to cook their own food, if they choose to do so, or they are given a convict cook to assist them in cooking or to cook food for them.

2. Clothing & bedding:- Those who bring their own clothing and bedding are allowed to use them, provided

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Other facilities:

They are detained in separate wards and are not required to labour. They are allowed to read such books as are passed by the Superintendent.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

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## Diet scale of Detenues.

| Articles. | Quantity | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|
| Bread | 6 Ozs. | Only one of the three, daily |
| Soji | 1 pavu | |
| Wheat flour | 1 pavu | |
| Rice | 1 lb. 4 ozs. | |
| Salt | 12 drams. | |
| Tamarind | 12 drams | |
| Curry powder | 8 drams. | |
| Dhal | 6 Ozs. | |
| Lime pickle | 2 drams. | |
| Butter | 4 Ozs. | |
| Sugar | 3 Ozs. | |
| Coffee or tea | 1 Oz. | |
| Cocoanut | half | |
| Onions | 1 oz. | |
| Vegetable | 12 ozs (Solid & greens) | |
| Firewood | 12½ lbs. | |
| Milk | 1½ pavu | |
| Mutton. | 4 Ozs. | |

N.B. ½ Cake soap per week or soap-nut powder ¼ oz. daily.

1 Cake neem soap per month.

¼ measure curds daily to vegetarians only.

1 Oz. cocoanut oil per week.

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" C o p y "

Inspector-General of Prisons.

27th August 1942.

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Law Department.

The Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Subject:- Diet of prisoners.

Sir,

In inviting kind reference to your letter No.662-2, dated 18th August 1942, on the above subject, I am directed to enquire if meals are served to the prisoners and detenues at the intervals specified in Government Order No.P. 678-79/Pris.2-42-1 dated 25th July 1942 or if arrangements could be made therefor

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

For Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

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SUBJECT Diet of prisons

Section Pris
File No. 11-42
Serial No. 6

*Diary No. of letter replied to*.....

No. P 1324/

To

The Dir of Prisons,

General and Revenue Secretariat

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*the* *19*

Subject:—

Sir,

Date of issue 22.8.42

In inviting kind reference to your letter No. 662-2, dated 18th Aug. & G.O.No. P 678-79/Pris 2-42-1 1942, on the above subject dated 25th July 1942 on the above subject, I am directed to enquire if meals are issued to free prisoners and debtors at the internals & specified in G.O. No. P 678-79/Pris 2-42-1, dated 25th July 1942 if arrangement could be made therefor.

Signed by M.K.V.

Placed below

I have etc,

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for Secy to Govt, Law Dept

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Read:-

Recommendation No.173 of the Prison Reforms Committee in respect of the number and timings of the meals given to prisoners, and the views of the Inspector General of Prisons thereon

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ORDER NO.P. 678-79 Pris 2-42-1

Dated, Bangalore, the, 25th July 1942.

The prescribed number and timings of the meals given to prisoners in Mysore Jails at present are:-

1) Early morning meal at 7 a.m. and
2) Evening meal at 4.30 p.m.

The Prison Reforms Committee consider this arrangement to be unsuitable and recommend (a) a light meal in the shape of either Kanji (gruel) or cake or boiled rice with chutney or lime pickle to be served early in the morning immediately after unlocking; (b) a principal meal at 12 noon or a little before; and (c) an evening meal similar to, but less substantial in quantity than the mid-day meal, to be served not earlier than 5-30 p.m.

The Inspector General of Prisons who was consulted in the matter states that the issue of cakes or boiled rice with chutney or lime pickle involves heavy additional cost, and proposes that, if approved an experiment will be made in the Central Jail for a short period.

Government are pleased to approve of the proposal of the Inspector General of Prisons and direct accordingly that an experiment on the lines suggested by the Committee may be tried in the Central Jail, Bangalore, for a period of six months and a report submitted to Government.

M N Varadaraju
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

To

The Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore.
The Comptroller to Government through Financial Department.

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